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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT: Memorandum from JIC to Deputy Secretary of Defense on "Existing Deficiencies in Present Collection of Intelligence Information"

1. General Erskine has requested my comments on the subject paper, which accordingly I submit herewith.
2. The critical deficiencies in intelligence indicated in the JIC paper have long been known to this Agency and to the intelligence community. I believe that the level of our intelligence knowledge, as obtained through exploitation of all sources, is higher than indicated in the document. Within CIA capabilities, we are making every effort to meet the indicated needs.
3. Some of the critical needs might be met by new methods of collection utilizing new devices under the control of operational elements in the Department of Defense such as ELINT, oblique photography, the development of penetration missiles, etc.
4. In general, the description of the various means whereby the U. S. government collects intelligence information is accurate. General Erskine, in handing me the referenced document, reported that there is some belief among the military that a great intelligence potential

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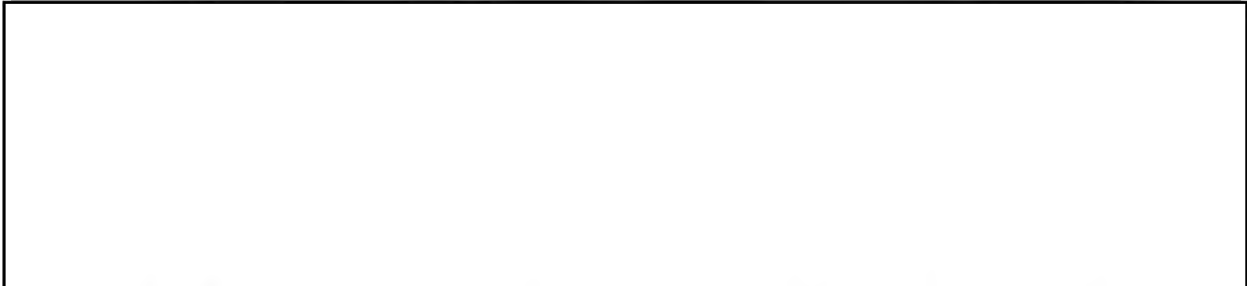
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5. You may be assured that the military intelligence services are working cooperatively with the CIA and within the Intelligence Advisory Committee in respect of problems in this area. We consider the Intelligence Advisory Committee an open and available forum for the raising of problems such as collection deficiencies, and we assume that when important problems are not brought before the IAC it is because they do not exist.

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Director

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